

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Gregory A. James et al.
Application No.	:	10/693,672
Filed	:	October 23, 2003
For	:	PREVENTION OF MEMBRANE CONTAMINATION IN ELECTROCHEMICAL FUEL CELLS
	Examiner	: Alix Elizabeth Echelmeyer
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Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

Reconsideration of this application in view of the following comments is respectfully requested.

By Office Action mailed October 11, 2006, the Examiner has entered a three-way Restriction Requirement as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action (*i.e.*, Groups a, b and c). In response to the same, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the “Group a” claims – that is, claims 1-14 directed to a membrane electrode assembly having a barrier film.

In addition, and for purpose of initial examination only, Applicants make the following elections from the species described by the Examiner on page 2 of the Office Action:

Location:	Claim 4
Material:	Claims 6 and 8: Thermoplastic Claims 7 and 9: Polyimide

Of course, Applicants reserve the right to pursue any non-elected subject matter in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

In view of the above remarks, consideration of the elected subject matter is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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